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## Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Board October 15, 2020 at 4:00p.m. Virtual Meeting- Zoom

	Name	Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	End of Current Term of Office
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Michelle Traste Kenton Randoly Rob Honan Steve Daniels	\ /	11/07/21 11/07/21 03/12/23 11/07/23
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Helen Washing Shawn McBride	, ,	12/19/20 11/07/21

STAFF PRESENT: Brady McKinley, Assistant Director of Public Works & Transportation

Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary

Debra Bradley, Health Department Director

#### Call to Order.

Chairman Rob Honan called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

## Item 1 - Approval of minutes

Chairman Honan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April, 18, 2019 minutes. Accepted by Michelle Traster and seconded by Steve Daniels. Daniels- aye, Honan- aye, Randolph- aye, Trasteraye. Ayes- 4, Nays- 0, Abstain- 0 **Motion carried.** 

### Item 2- Meet and Greet for new ADA members.

The ADA Board has received one new member, who has replaced Steven Holdenried. The Board welcomed Kenton Randolph as a new member.

# <u>Item 3-</u> Discuss the safety measures and new communication barriers of the mask order and how to improve the lives of our community members who rely on lip reading.

Chairman Honan expressed his feelings regarding the mask mandate. He explained that due to his hearing loss, communicating with masks has been difficult. Steve Daniels also told the Board that he relies more on lip reading due to his hearing loss and when people wear masks it makes it hard to understand them.

Honan presented the Board with a clear mask he had purchased, to give them an idea of what would be helpful for those who suffer from hearing loss. Michelle Traster said Missouri Western had purchased some cheaper ones, that were similar but not as safe, so they opted for the more expensive ones that were FDA approved.

Honan recommended they present the City Council with a letter of support for the mask order to ask the businesses allow those with hearing loss to request cashiers or other personnel to wear clear masks. Debra informed the Board, that the mask order already includes an exceptions for those who suffer

with different forms of communication, but it could be re-worded to say that the person they are communicating with take their mask off. Daniels mentioned it could be a good idea to have emergency personnel wear the clear masks, just incase they come across someone in an emergency situation with hearing loss. This would help with communication barriers.

Traster motioned to draft a letter to address to the City Council that the ADA Board supports the mask with the exception of those with hearing loss and promote flexible communication options. Randolph seconded. Daniels- aye, Honan- aye, Randolph- aye, Traster- aye. Ayes- 4, Nays- 0, Abstain- 0 **Motion carried.** 

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ashley Parker

Ashley Parker, Recording Secretary